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Fall Driving Season is Coming

Does the thought of coming winter snow and sub-zero temperatures get you down? The good news is the warm, summery days of *Altweibersommer* are still to come. There's plenty of time to get out, enjoy the fall colors, warm temps and days of sunshine before Montana's winter hits. So get out in your Porsche, make some new friends, memories, and enjoy the beautiful Absaroka Region.

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16th All Euro Car Show, Billings, MT

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President's Message

Jack Burke — President Absaroka Region

Was that a quick summer!

In this Arrow publication you will see the results of our region's member survey we sent out last May 2024. 24 members and co-members completed the survey. The response rate was 21% of our 112 members and co-members. The results are not statistically significant. They are interesting.

I want to thank all who took part in in the All Euro Car Show. It was an enormous success. We were able to contribute \$3000 to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease.

Just yesterday we met with the team that worked on the Car Show to review opportunities for improving the show.

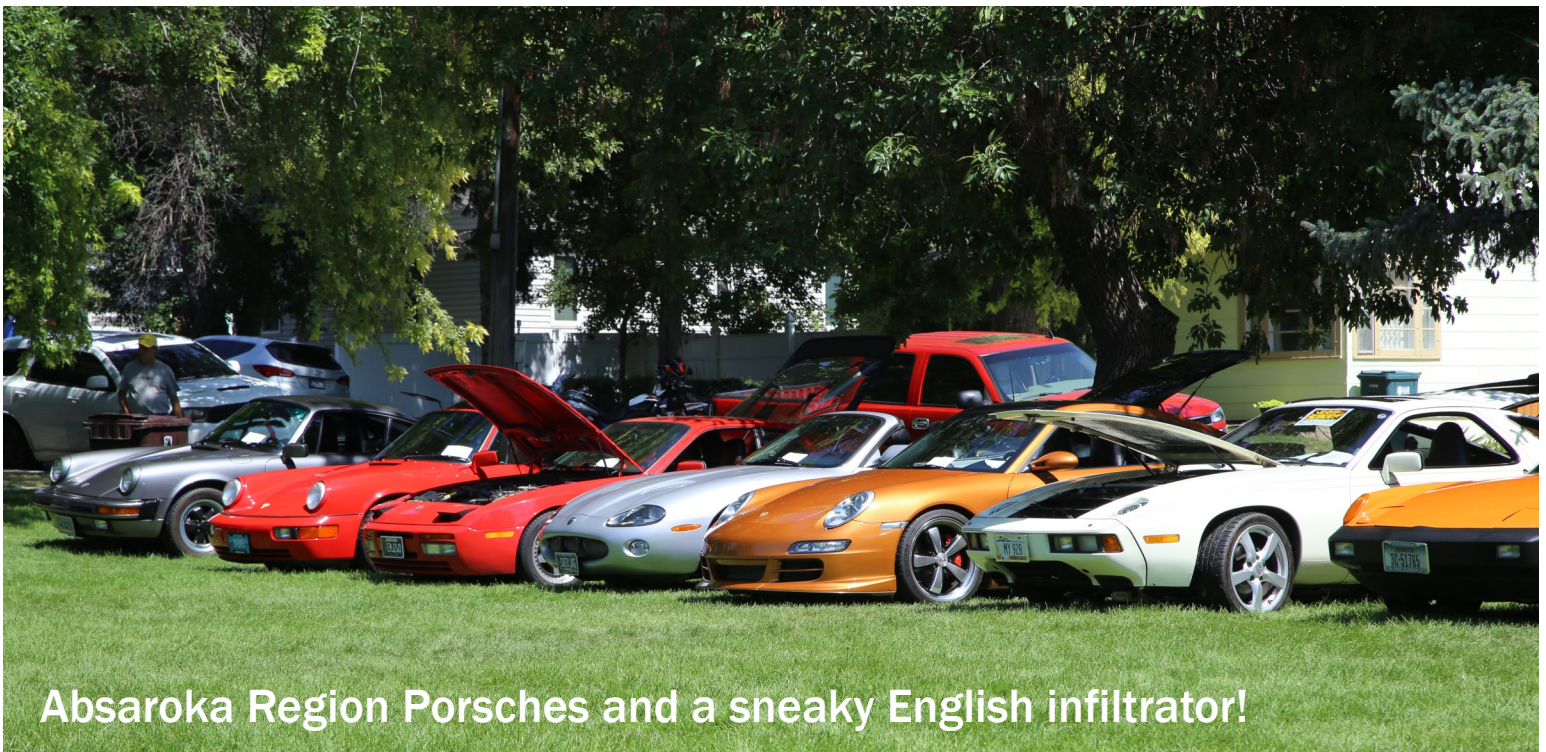
Closing out September will be a drive to a car show in Harlowton, a breakfast group, and an invite to a Grape Stomp with the Mini Cooper group. In October we will resume our breakfast (Porsches & Pancakes) at the Laurel Golf Course.

We were not able to have our new members party this year in the fall. We will combine the new member recognition with our holiday party December 15, 2024. We have re-

served a room at the Scared Grounds Coffee House from 4:00 PM— 7:00 PM. There will be more information to come on the party. It will be a bring your own dish to share with BYOB. It should be fun with plenty of parking for those who drive Porsche SUVs. You never know the day could be a heat wave and we all could drive our "summer cars" that day.

Thank you for your participation and feedback.

Jack



Absaroka Region Porsches and a sneaky English infiltrator!



Pushing Limits

Daniel Cole — Absaroka Arrow Editor



Summer is car show season. In all honesty, car shows aren't really my thing. I'd rather drive my Boxster than detail it, and then sit around all day. However, getting together with friends is my thing.

It's been a busy past couple months here in the region with the drive to Greycliff Mill, Red Lodge Car Show, drive to Martinsdale, and then the region's biggest event, the All Euro Car Show.

Thank you to those who sent me some pictures of the various activities for the Absaroka Arrow, its appreciated.

I personally enjoyed the drive over to Greycliff Mill. The frontage road was a lot of fun with its lack of traffic and the ability to see sites the interstate bypasses. It was my first visit to Reed Point after passing by hundreds of times. Seeing our club's line-up of very colorful Porsches in front of Reed Point's

rustic buildings made for some nice photos.

When Jo and I drive to Idaho, we generally stick to the interstate for its quickness and safety. On my drive to Rennsport Reunion last fall, I left I-15 at Dubois, Idaho and took the backroads that follows the foothills along Idaho's mountains to Boise. There are some nice things to see along that route, such as the old gas station in Howe, the sail structure from submarine SSN -666 in Arco and the beautiful, meandering, trout stream, Silver Creek, on the way towards Sun Valley. There's also a big grain silo with my school's logo painted on it in Picaboo, Idaho. Go Idaho!

Later, in the journey, heading over the Sierra Nevada Mountains at Donner Pass, I took the old highway known as Donner Pass Road, up and over Donner Pass. The old road with its twisting switchbacks,

beautiful Donner Summit bridge and the covered snow sheds for the railroad, were all interesting sites that made the short detour all worth it.

There's a morale to the story and that is, getting off the beaten path offers some wonderful adventures. I should do that more often.

So as the summer winds down, and the warm days of autumn come upon us, get out and find a road less travelled in your Porsche. Take some photos, make some memories, and share the journey with all of us in the Absaroka Arrow.

Cheers,

Dan



Membership Updates

Primary Members/Associate/Total:

68/44/112

New Members:

1 Amy Ahlin, Columbus, MT, 2006 Cayman S

Renewals (YEARS):

12 David & Dianne Eichler (3), Evan McCaw (16), Yvonne & Eric Stevens (6), Doug Westlake (3), Dennis & Sandra Zeiler (39), Tom & Patricia Agnew (14), David Beer (1), Dan Cole & Jo Pintz-Cole (34), Randy Johnson & Dave Mahalko (28), Fred Magers (20), Doug & Cheri Oakes (12), Tim Sherry & Allie Gramm (6)

Transfers (In/Out):

0

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3 Kira Fercho, Rod Stoick, Brian Ebzery

Test Drive:

1

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER

14 - Harlowton Fly-In and Car Show, Harlowton, MT

OCTOBER

12 — Porsches & Pancakes, Laurel Golf Club, Laurel, MT

NOVEMBER

9 — Porsches & Pancakes, Laurel Golf Club, Laurel, MT

DECEMBER

14 - Porsches & Pancakes, Laurel Golf Club, Laurel, MT

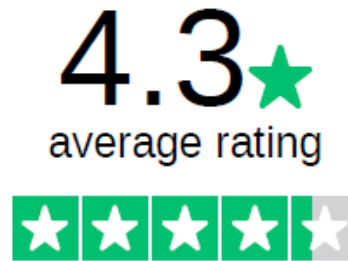
15 — Holiday & New Member Party, Sacred Grounds, Billings, MT

Porsche Club of America

Absaroka Region Member Survey - 2024



Q1. Is the PCA Absaroka Region generally meeting your expectations of what we should be doing for our members? On a scale of one to five stars, with one not meeting expectations and five exceeding expectations.



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	0.00%	0.00%	4.76%	61.90%	33.33%		
	0	0	1	13	7	21	4.29

Q2. What new programs/ideas Would you prefer or recommend? **No member responses**

Q3. Which of the following do you look at mostly for club information?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
ARROW – PCA Absaroka Region newsletter? (Abs.pca.org)	45.83% 11
FACEBOOK – PCA Absaroka Region	0.00% 0
WEBSITE – PCA Absaroka Region	8.33% 2
CLUB EMAIL	45.83% 11
PANORAMA	0.00% 0
PCA WEBSITE – Members Section	0.00% 0
TOTAL	24

Q4. We currently publish Absaroka Arrow newsletter six issues per year. Would you have a concern if it was reduced to quarterly?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	16.67% 4
No	83.33% 20
TOTAL	24

Q5. Do you own a Porsche SUV?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	8
No	66.67%	16
TOTAL		24

Q6. As a SUV owner would you like to attend low impact off road programs, if offered?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	43.75%	7
Yes	25.00%	4
No	31.25%	5
TOTAL		16

Q7. The Absaroka Region conducts several types of events. Please indicate your level of interest in each by rating it from 1 very low interest to 5 high interest.

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
New Member Party	17.39% 4	13.04% 3	8.70% 2	26.09% 6	34.78% 8	23	3.48
Baked Potato Party	13.04% 3	21.74% 5	39.13% 9	13.04% 3	13.04% 3	23	2.91
Porsches and Pancakes	12.50% 3	4.17% 1	33.33% 8	12.50% 3	37.50% 9	24	3.58
All Euro Car Show	12.50% 3	4.17% 1	16.67% 4	33.33% 8	33.33% 8	24	3.71
Same day drives after breakfast	12.50% 3	8.33% 2	29.17% 7	29.17% 7	20.83% 5	24	3.38
Same day drive	17.39% 4	8.70% 2	4.35% 1	26.09% 6	43.48% 10	23	3.70
Same day drive with a meal	21.74% 5	4.35% 1	8.70% 2	26.09% 6	39.13% 9	23	3.57



Q8. What would your interest be in the items listed below? Please indicate your level of interest in each by rating it from 1 very low interest to 5 high interest.

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Drivers Education	20.83% 5	25.00% 6	20.83% 5	12.50% 3	20.83% 5	24	2.88
Overnight drives	13.04% 3	34.78% 8	13.04% 3	34.78% 8	4.35% 1	23	2.83
Multi day drives	9.09% 2	27.27% 6	22.73% 5	31.82% 7	9.09% 2	22	3.05
Car Shows (Red Lodge or other locations)	12.50% 3	20.83% 5	8.33% 2	29.17% 7	29.17% 7	24	3.42
Cars and Coffee (evening function)	16.67% 4	12.50% 3	16.67% 4	33.33% 8	20.83% 5	24	3.29
Auto Ross	26.32% 5	31.58% 6	15.79% 3	21.05% 4	5.26% 1	19	2.47
Tech Session	20.83% 5	12.50% 3	29.17% 7	20.83% 5	16.67% 4	24	3.00
Off Road day drive	50.00% 11	18.18% 4	13.64% 3	4.55% 1	13.64% 3	22	2.14
Weekend off road	54.55% 12	22.73% 5	9.09% 2	4.55% 1	9.09% 2	22	1.91
Weekend spa drive	30.43% 7	13.04% 3	47.83% 11	8.70% 2	0.00% 0	23	2.35
Family oriented day	31.82% 7	22.73% 5	31.82% 7	13.64% 3	0.00% 0	22	2.27
Gimmick Rally	13.04% 3	13.04% 3	43.48% 10	17.39% 4	13.04% 3	23	3.04

Q9. How long have you been an Absaroka Region member?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Less than 5 years	29.17% 7
5-15 years	50.00% 12
15+ years	20.83% 5
TOTAL	24

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Discovering the Charm of Montana:

A Porsche Club Absaroka Region Drive to Greycliff Mill

By Chat G. Teapee, Absaroka Region

Nestled in the heart of Montana, the Absaroka Region Porsche Club recently embarked on a memorable drive that showcased the true essence of driving enjoyment—venturing away from the mundane interstate and embracing the charm of backroads. The destination? The historic Greycliff Mill, a gem tucked away in the scenic beauty of rural Montana. This drive was more than just a journey; it was an exploration of the very soul of driving, a celebration of automotive craftsmanship, and a tribute to the rugged allure of the American West.

The day began with a crisp, clear morning in the Absaroka Region,

with the Porsche Club members gathering for a pre-drive briefing. Enthusiasts, both seasoned and new, gathered around their meticulously polished Porsches, exchanging stories and excitement for the day ahead. As engines roared to life and the convoy of sleek Porsches began to roll out, it was clear that this was more than just a drive—it was a pilgrimage of sorts, a homage to driving perfection.

The route selected for this adventure was intentionally designed to avoid the monotony of the interstate. Instead, the group embraced the winding, picturesque backroads that characterize Mon-

tana's rural landscape. This choice was deliberate; the backroads offered a rich tapestry of experiences that the interstate simply could not match. The roads meandered through open fields, past grazing cattle, and alongside crystal-clear streams, providing a dynamic driving experience that highlighted the performance and handling of each Porsche.

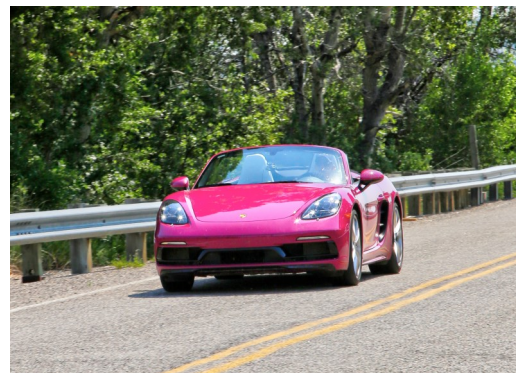
As the convoy navigated these backroads, the driving experience became a dance with the landscape. The curves and elevation changes tested the agility and responsiveness of the Porsches, while the expansive views provided a visual feast. Each turn un-



Greycliff Mill, Greycliff, Montana
Photo: Dan Cole, Absaroka Region



One of the most colorful groups of Porsches to be found anywhere. Absaroka Region members on the road to Greycliff, Montana via the Frontage Road.



veiled new vistas—rolling hills, distant mountain ranges, and wide-open skies—making it clear why these roads are cherished by locals and travelers alike.

The drive was punctuated by the camaraderie of fellow Porsche enthusiasts, who reveled in the shared experience of exploring these lesser-known roads. Conversations flowed easily, often centering around the nuances of each vehicle's performance and the sheer joy of driving. The members of the Porsche Club absorbed the essence of Montana's countryside, which seemed to transform with every mile.

Upon reaching Greycliff Mill, the historic site welcomed the group with open arms. The mill, dating back to the late 19th century, is a testament to Montana's rich history and an anchor in the surrounding community. Its preservation and the stories it holds provided a

fitting counterpoint to the modern engineering of the Porsches. The contrast between the old and the new highlighted the timeless allure of craftsmanship and the joy of discovery.

The visit to Greycliff Mill was not just a stop, but an experience in itself. The members explored the mill's exhibits, learned about its historical significance, and appreciated the blend of mechanical ingenuity and historical preservation. This immersion into Montana's history offered a deeper connection to the land they were driving through, bridging the gap between past and present.

As the day wound down and the sun dipped below the horizon, casting a golden glow over the landscape, the Porsche Club members made their way back to the Absaroka Region. The return journey was filled with reflections on the day's adventure, the pleasure

of driving through such breathtaking scenery, and the sense of community forged through shared experiences.

In the end, the drive to Greycliff Mill was a perfect example of what makes Porsche ownership and club activities so special. It was not just about the destination, but about embracing the journey—exploring new roads, enjoying the company of fellow enthusiasts, and celebrating the beauty of the open road.



Editor's Note: This story was 100% written by new Absaroka member Chat G. Teepee.



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16th All Euro Car Show

The 16th All Euro Car Show is complete, and it was a banner year! Over 80 cars attended the car show, and it was the highest, or near highest turnout ever! Congratulations to the team that did the work to promote the show, worked the event and acted as ambassadors for the Porsche Club of America and Absaroka Region. The team really raised the bar.

Next year will be even better with some tweaks and lessons learned.

The Absaroka Region had a big turnout of members for the show. Its always a fun time reconnecting with those we as a club don't see on a regular basis. The

show also had some travelers. One attendee, a former Billings resident and Rocky Mountain College graduate, drove from his home region Silver Sage in Caldwell, Idaho to Billings in his white 911.

Some highlights of this year's event were;

- getting reacquainted with some past Absaroka members who have returned to Billings
- a beautiful Austin Healy, that true car fans believe was the Best of Show
- a fun collection of colorful VWs
- a big turnout of club members and other local Porsche owners

The People's Choice was a VW Jet-

ta. There was some head scratching on that choice.

After the All Euro Car Show, the Absaroka Region donated \$3,000 to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's disease. Parkinson's Disease has recently claimed a couple of long time Absaroka members, so it was a fitting charity to honor their memory. The Foundation is also matching the donation by a factor of 3x, it's a big win for all.

Winners

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2. **1971—1990:** 1974 VW THING 181, **Owner:** Cliff M.
3. **1991-2010:** 2005 PORSCHE 911 997.1 S, **Owner:** Chris L.
4. **2011-Current:** 2012 PORSCHE 911 997.2 Turbo, **Owner:** Steve G.
5. **People's Choice:** 1996 VW JETTA, **Owner:** Todd C.



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